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Additional Declarations for Pet Food Importers 2004

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Report Highlights:

India's new sanitary requirements could effectively stop imports of U.S. pet food, estimated at \$398,000 in CY 2003.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes additional declarations to be included in the sanitary certificate accompanying imports of pet foods into India.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Official communication to all pet food importers applying for sanitary import permit, to be obtained in advance of actual imports.

Important Dates:

- **Communication Date:** October 14, 2003
- **Effective Date:** October 14, 2003

Products Affected: All pet food items including dog and cat foods.

Agency in Charge: Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI

Proposed Major Changes:

Pet-food importers are required to submit a Sanitary Certificate (in original) from an official veterinarian of the exporting country on the following lines:

- 1) The ingredients in the pet foods do not include any item of ruminant origin.
- 2) The country of export is free from Highly Pathogenic Influenza (H5, H7, and H6).
- 3) The product has been processed at a temperature to attain an internal temperature of not less than 70 degree Centigrade for a minimum of 30 minutes.
- 4) The source animals have never been fed with feeds produced from internal organs, blood meal, and tissues of ruminant origin.

Applications for a sanitary import permit for pet food will be considered only after advance receipt of the above Sanitary Certificate (in original).

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